



# News from Diocesan Council

April 2014 to June 2014

## Appointments

Fr Paul Devenport appointed priest for the Pastoral District of the Riverland from 9 August.

Fr David Price appointed priest for the Parish of Mount Gambier from 30 August.

Fr Peter Carlsson appointed Archdeacon of The Limestone Coast from 23 May.

## “Taking the Plunge Together”

Bishop John has been thrilled with the response of about 700 attendees to the vision meetings held across the Diocese. As he stated at the meetings **taking the plunge together** is his vision for the Diocese and he hopes that it will also become our vision for the Diocese by working together. He hopes that at the Synod next year he will be able to give a clear, concise and challenging mission statement for the Diocese to agree to own.

At the next stage of the TTPT program, members were given a ‘mind map’ of his vision of “To walk the way of holiness”. His Mission Action Plan (MAP) is now coming into a development plan for parishes. This is a work in progress. There are five key points in the mind map of his vision statement, To walk the way of holiness: (1) pray, worship, study and learn; (2) to organise our common life to help parishes and pastoral districts to become effective; (3) to provide well trained and formed ministers for Word and Sacrament; (4) to support the mission of the parishes and pastoral districts; and (5) to have a presence in every human community which lives Eucharistically for others.

Over 500 people have committed to the Following Jesus course. The author of the course will be visiting the Diocese later in the year and she will be able to visit groups in the various parishes and pastoral districts.

## Synod’s Mission Action Planning Motion

That this Synod recommends to the wider Diocese the practice of Mission Action Planning as integral to the Mission of the Diocese, and requests that in their Mission Action Planning each parish takes seriously the call of Jesus Christ to faithful discipleship, loving witness and prophetic lifestyles, and that these principles inform the structure, form and delivery of the life of the Synod.

Clara Street properties, Murray Bridge - Diocesan Council has appointed a team to look over these diocesan properties and to report back. Discussions continue in light of the Parish of Murraylands proposed Building Project.

Sale of Glencoe Church, adjoining Hall and surrounding Land - The Mount Gambier Parish Council has successfully petitioned Diocesan Council to sell this property. The buildings are deteriorating, services have not be held for many years.

Goolwa Hall - The Parish of Port Elliot-Goolwa successfully sought the approval of Diocesan Council to build a new hall. Building works have commenced.

Privacy Act Amendments - Diocesan Council were informed of the Privacy Act Legislation amendments effective 12 March 2014 and the Synod Solicitor summarised the changes that may effect the diocese.

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) - Diocesan Council and parishes were advised that the Federal Government has moved to implement its pre-election commitment to abolish the ACNC. However until the ACNC is abolished, entities registered with it should continue to comply with relevant obligations.

The Riverland and Waikerie Pastoral Districts - The two separate Pastoral Districts of the Riverland and Waikerie are to be known as the Pastoral District of the Riverland. This will be effective from the appointment of their new priest in August.

Clergy Stipends and Travel Rates for 2015 – Will increase from 1st January. Detailed information is available from the Registry or Parish Treasurers.

Synod Minutes - Have been circulated to all parishes for Parish and Pastoral District Council members and interested parties.

Safer Ministry Training - St Catherine’s Church Hall, Memorial Avenue, Keith on Saturday 18th October. Register with the Reverend Brenton Dick on 8755 3222 or dickscot@bigpond.com